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Dear Commission:

The attached are twenty responses from my health class at Edmonds-Woodway High school in Edmonds, Washington. The class is composed of sophomores, junior, and seniors. Many of the students could be labeled "at-risk." For our friday's seminar discussion. We wrote and discussed about the enclosed article that was found in one of our local papers. It appears that many feel that it is up to the parents to control the TV that their kids watch. The counterargument would be that they do not so something else must be done. We hope these reactions assist you in making a good decision on this issue.

Sincerely,

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White House "vows to..."

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FCC holds up license renewals, wants feedback

by Christopher Scanlan
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Kids may think they've never had it so good.

From the 24-hour Cartoon Network and Nickelodeon to the Fox Children's Network, children have more TV programs targeted at them than at any time since TV sets first appeared in living rooms more than four decades ago.

But in this case, critics of children's television say, more is less.

In 1980, the three major networks were showing 11 hours of

today," Rushnell says.

Children's television "today remains the video equivalent of a Twinkie. Kids enjoy it despite the absolute absence of any nutritional content," says Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., chairman of a House subcommittee that oversees the TV industry.

Although the 1990 Children's Television Act requires broadcasters to air "educational and informational programming" for children, Congress and the Federal Communications Commission largely left it up to broadcasters to decide what that meant.

"For three years the act was ignored," Carol Rasco, a top domestic-policy adviser to President Clinton told the National Summit on Children and Families in early April. "The same kinds of folks who informed us that ketchup is a vegetable were happy to certify 'G.I. Joe' as an educational show like the now



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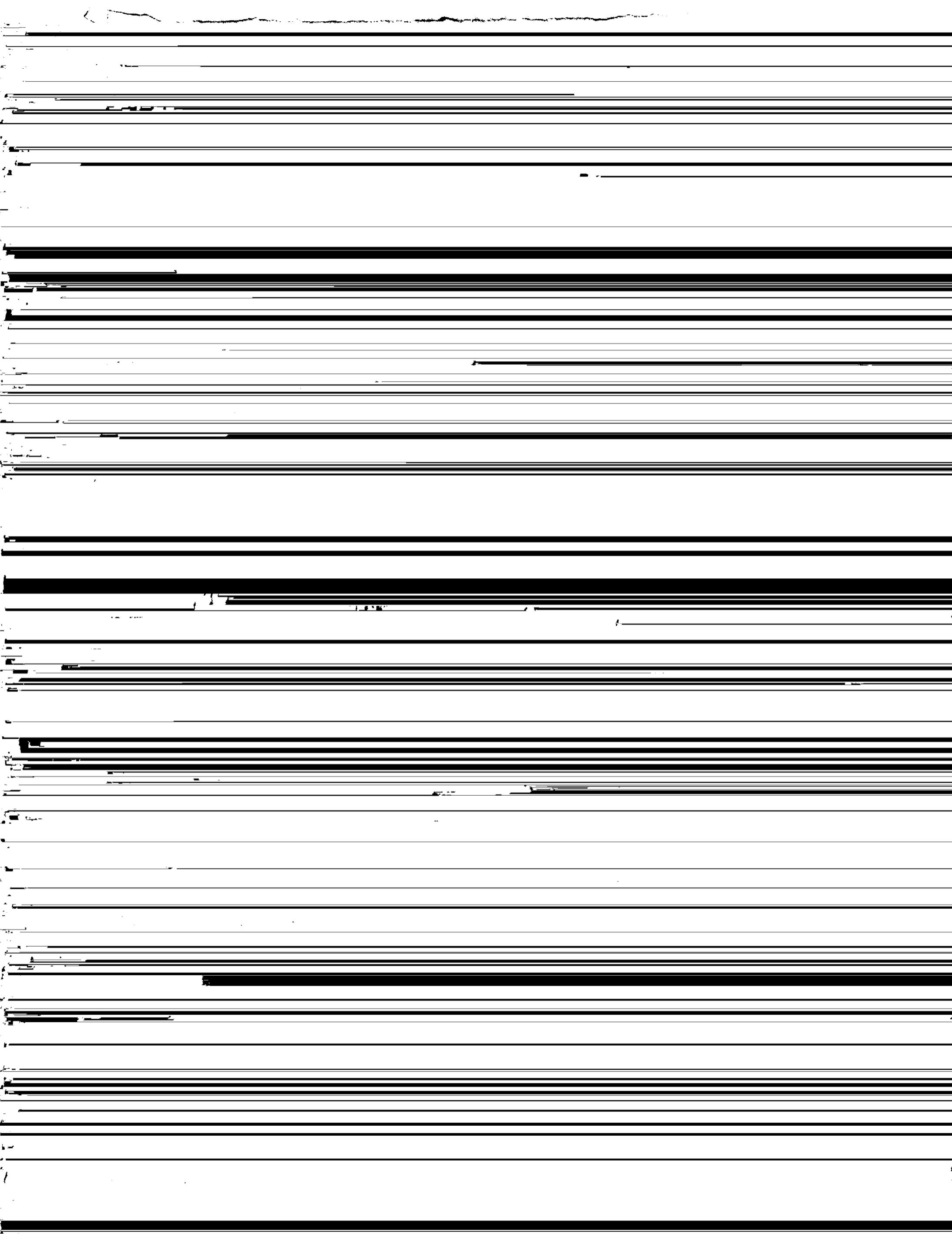
The "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" cartoon show popular with children features plenty of karate kicks and punches.

Close-up

that claimed reruns of "TV

urb violence on kids TV

E.J. Roberts observed, it's "treat-



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Ken Miller
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I don't really care if there is violence or not on t.v., cause I don't watch it that much.

But I still don't think they should take off violence off the air. On the other hand my opinion is if they took violence off the air the kids wouldn't want to join the military or play with G.I. Joe. Instead, they would sit around and play with Barbie dolls.

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Greta J. Leonerson
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I feel that it is a parents job to watch what kids see very carefully. They should encourage other things like playing outside, making things or reading if T.V. is out of control. You should set limits with kids on certain programs you feel are too violent and train them to ask which programs to watch. If they have permission I feel it is O.K. If a child acts violent because of a T.V. it needs to be explained that it is make believe and not real. I do believe that children should have positive role models and the most important ones should be their parents. It is the parents who are the

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Hamy Riddle

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Violence in T.V.

I kinda disagree ~~that~~ with this article. I mean who is going to believe that a mouse is going to beat up a cat (Tom & Jerry) or that man lived with the dinosaurs and used them for public transportation & slaves (the flintstones).

I admit that I like the shows including Where in the world is Carmen San Diego.

Magic is not as believable to children because of the fact you have to think about it and violence you just do. And if children believe that outside in the world large green turtles are fighting a man with a waste basket on his head. Personally I would rather learn magic than violence but the violence is not realistic.

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LISA KELSO - 5th (Health)

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To Whom it may concern;

I have to agree about the part of there being too much violence on children's shows. It's real sad to see this because our children are the future. Do we want the majority of the future population to be

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Kalin Ba
per 5

Children & TV.

I don't watch T.V. that often, and if I do watch T.V., it's usually movies(video). But I always thought people watch too much T.V. and I think T.V. should be used as just entertainment not so seriously. If adults make all these rules against drugs, and etc why on T.V. it makes it sound so good to try. Also about the violence, what we see & hear may influence us in many ways. There is movie call "~~the~~
~~the~~ "Falling down" which is a man who lives in city is showing his anger by shooting & killing. Anyway after this movie was released ~~the~~ a man did ~~the~~ exact same act in the movie in real life so we can see how it is influential.
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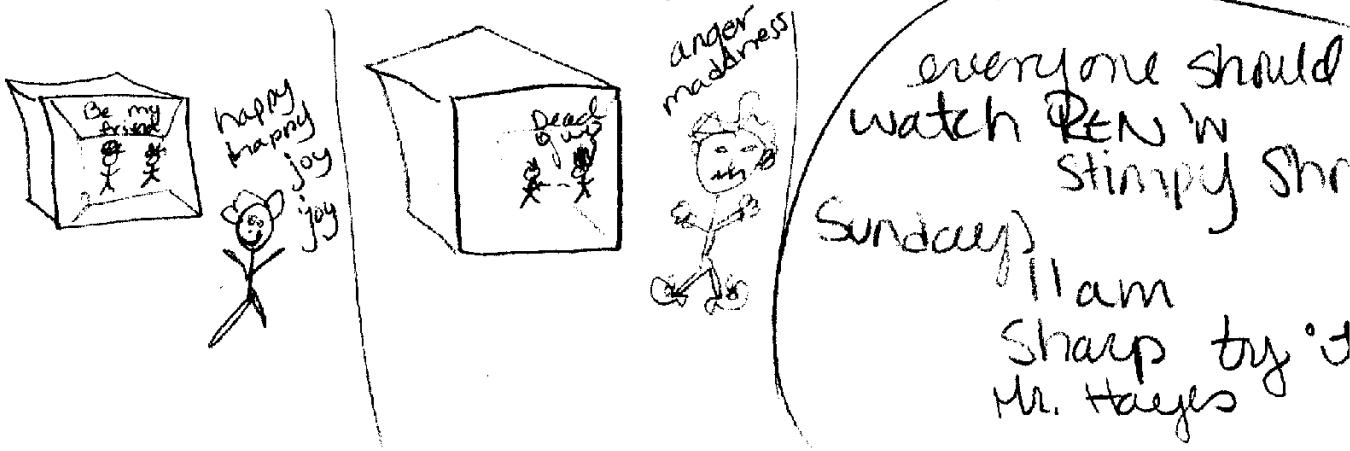
Children and T.V.

Bridget Farmer
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Health

Sometimes I like to watch cartoons and sometimes I don't. I remember when they weren't so technical and violent and now they have cartoons with so much violence, sometimes I wonder if am actually watching a CARTOON, and I am.

I really don't think the government has any right what so ever to ban these television shows, but I do believe parents responsibilities have lessened dramatically and it should be the parents job to let a child watch what they approve of until that child is an age to take some care of what he watches.

I think that some cartoons do have an influence on some kids, not all. But if you think about it, people now-a-days are finding anything to blame for ~~these~~ their problems, even problems that happened years, decades, centuries ago.



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HANS

I AM USUALLY AFFECTED BY MORE VIOLENCE THAN A SAD SHOW THAN A VIOLENT SHOW. THIS ART. PER. 5
ROLE HAS A POINT. CARTOONS COULD STAND TO
CLEAN IT UP. BUT, NOT A LOT. CONDRY SAID,
DECLADERS ADMIT THE VIOLENCE PICTURE

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Dear Commission,

I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS TOO MUCH VIOLENCE IN TODAY'S PROGRAMMING DIRECTED TOWARDS CHILDREN. I THINK THAT INPUTTING A YOUNG CHILD'S MIND THATS OPEN TO NEW IDEAS AND LISTENS WITH OUT PREJUDICES WITH VIRTUES OF VIOLENCE AND DEATH IS MORALLY WRONG. I THINK TO STOP VIOLENT CRIMES FROM HAPPENING IN THE FUTURE WE SHOULD SEND A MORE POSITIVE, LESS VIOLENT ASPECT OF LIFE TO A CHILD, THAT COULD GROW UP TO BE A CRIMINAL - I'M NOT SAYING THAT EVERY KID WHO SEES A MURDER ON T.V. IS GOING TO GO OUT AND BEAT SOMEBODY UP. I MEAN HOW A KID ACTS IS AN EFFECT OF PARENTING AND FAMILY LIFE. I'M ALSO NOT BLAMING TELEVISION PROGRAMMING FOR VIOLENT KIDS, BUT SENDING A VIOLENT MESSAGE TO ONE COULD JUST ENHANCE HIS OR HER VIOLENT ACTIONS. I REALIZE THAT VIOLENCE IS A PART OF LIFE AND A PART OF EVERYONE, BUT IT CAN BE CONTROLLED

Sincerely Mario Solis

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Seminar # 3

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Watching television is an entertainment for people who, and it is also worst, no. Some people discuss about watching T.V. that is bad for watching it if people watch a lot of time or too many hours. It effects the most of young children, because their eyes are really reactives. But if the young children watch telen about one hour a day, it is not bad for watch And old people or (teenagers), if they watch one hour a day, that is okay too. But if they watch a lot of hours a day, it might effect bad for the eyes from the T.V (Nazar), the light from T.V react back into the eyes when they watching the T.V. If they (we) watch shows of violences from T.V, I think that it is not really good to watch it, bcs some people, they watch it, they might copied to do like that (~~reaction~~ on T.V.). Some parents they do not let their children watch reactions on T.V. rather than cartoons.

" Regardless of what they watch, children who are heavy viewers tend to read less, play less, be more obese": it is as like I wrote above. I agree with:

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I think this article is ~~good~~ because children watch TV to refresh ~~their~~ mind. Children should watch TV often so they could know what is out there, and how the world work. Also children should watch any cartoon that they want. People think that their children watch TV would mess up their children brain and their school work. I think that not the true.

"Gerbner and a research team have been tracking television violence

This article was really gay. I'd give it a 2.
T.V. shows, especially cartoons. The new Batman cartoon on Fox at 5:30 is the perfect example. What do these idiots want Batman to do, explaining his feelings to the Joker, and ~~then~~ see if they can talk ~~out instead of fighting~~ their problems? No Batman is gotta ~~be~~ hit him a few times, kick him, and break something over his head or else the show sucks.

Who ever wrote this article & said that there ~~not enough~~ ~~there~~ never any educational programming on T.V. should be beaten. You can always turn on it to channel 9 and watch some damn educational

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I TOTALLY THINK THAT MAKING ~~MEAN~~ VIOLENCE
GARTOONS AND OTHER CHILDRENS SHOWS IS A TOTAL
WASTE OF A PERSON'S EFFORTS AND TIME THE SHOWS ON T.V.
~~SHOULD~~ ALWAYS SHOW GOOD PREVAILING OVER BAD SO WHAT'S
WRONG, FOR INSTANCE "POPEYE" THIS GARTOON SHOWS
THE BAD GUY (~~BRUTUS~~) SPINNEN AROUND WITH OLIVE OIL
OR POPEYE WASH WINDS UP IN A FIST FIGHT THEN POPEYE
EAT'S SOME SPINACH AND BLAMMOWWW!! BRUTUS IS HISTORY
IN MY CHILDHOOD WATCHING THIS TAUGHT ME THAT
EATING VEGIE'S MAKES YOU STRONG AND IF YOUR A
BAD GUY YOUR GONNA GET POUNDED ON, PLUS II,
"T.V. VIEWING IS NOW CONSIDERED A KEY CULTURAL
INDICATOR, ALIKELY GUILTY FOR EVERY THING FROM
OBESITY TO SUICIDE"

B.S.! COMPARED TO WHAT CHILDREN HAVE TO SEE
& EVERY DAY IN THERE LIVES IT MAKE T.V. LOOK LIKE
SESAME STREET

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TV VIOLENCE

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I THINK THAT THERE IS NOT TOO MUCH VIOLENCE ON TV. PEOPLE WATCH TV TO ESCAPE FROM THE REAL WORLD AND IF VIOLENCE WAS TAKEN OUT OF EVERY TV SHOW, THEY WOULD SEEM TO FAKE AND PEOPLE WOULD STOP WATCHING. YOU CAN'T HAVE GOOD WITHOUT ~~W~~ BAD. IT'S ALL FAKE ANYWAY SO WHO CARES HOW MUCH VIOLENCE THERE IS. LITTLE KIDS DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING THEY SEE ON TV, SO THAT CAN'T BE THE EXCUSE TO BE USED ON WHY VIOLENCE SHOULD BE REMOVED. THE ARTICLE SAYS "GERBNER AND A RESEARCH TEAM HAVE BEEN TRACKING TV VIOLENCE SINCE 1967, COUNTING EVERY TIME SOMEONE HURTS OR KILLS OR THREATENS TO DO SO, ON TV SHOWS." IF THERE IS SO MUCH VIOLENCE THAT IT SHOULD BE REMOVED, WHY DO THEY NEED SOMEONE TO COUNT THE VIOLENCE ACTS. TV DOES NOT EFFECT THE WAY PEOPLE ACT SO LEAVE IT ALONE.

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by Christopher Scarni

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T.V. Program makers are forever looking for a new way to catch kids attention, for instance violence and sex. Violence and sex sells that's the way it is. I guess that the solution is pretty cut and dried, set a rule on violent acts on t.v.

Violence is a natural act but it's not positive, and it doesn't need to be located on t.v. I saw this quote.

"We may tinker with content make sure that better programs are made available to children but the more important need is to discourage children from using television as a source for information about the world" — John Condry of Cornell University, who studied drug messages on television for a yet-to-be-released study.

There are a number of blames for this topic but violence - in abundance - on t.v. may set off some children. So just cut down violent acts.

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Michelle Terry
Health P-5
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Seminar Paper

(Violent programs - vs - children)

I disagree with this article.

I've been studying about this in Psychology class and true studies show that it doesn't create violence with just anyone.

It takes a violent person to react to the violence on T.V., not everyone.

'TV viewing is now considered a key cultural indicator, a likely culprit for everything from obesity to low test scores, to record-high murder and suicide rates among children.'

Children don't usually murder people and commit suicide. That shows up in later years. And in those later years, cartoons are usually not commonly watched.

'TV violence - a public-health threat that needs as much attention as guns, drugs, and alcohol.'

I don't feel that violence is wrong on T.V.

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Dear Commission:

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I think that the article about children's shows and the violence in them is a crock! It's a free country for gods sake if the kids want to watch the cartoons, I think they should be able to. All of the parents in the U.S. that blame all of the violence going on with their kids on the programs they watch are complete morons! It is the kid that is mentally messed up or it is their family life. Me and my little, 12 year old brother, have watched violent cartoons all of our life and we aren't violent. Also some of the violence on T.V. is funny and is used for comedy, are those idiots counting those on ~~the~~ their survey too? I think that all of the morons that go along with the banning of violent cartoons, can go take a pill you god damn communist Come down to reality

Sincerely,
Nate

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PJ Burt
Simma ✓

I don't think there is to much violence on t.v. Its so limited 5-14-93
right now that if anything else was not allowed they might
as well just throw away your tv's and listen to story's on
the radio. But I'm sure someone wouldn't like the way a
word was pronounced and then someone would try to stop
that tv. "Teenage mutant Ninja turtles" Now what is
wrong with that, I say nothing is a cartoon for crying
out loud & if there going to take my thing off tv they should
be taking shows like Three's Company off the air or have
more violence know what I mean

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*Steve A.
Health
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Personally I think kids should be
able to watch anything they
want to watch if its ok w/the parent
why should the govt put laws on what
~~people~~ kids watch on their
own television.

*Jacob
Meister*

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"Violence in Shows"

I think this all a bunch
of crap about violence shows in the
TV. The shows are to please
the customers who are watching.